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# Carter Rethinks 'Open' Policy on CIA 'Abuses'

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WASHINGTON — President Carter is having second thoughts about an administration commitment to keep Congress informed of any possible wrongdoing by the nation's intelligence agencies, it was learned Tuesday.

According to administration sources, Carter is "rethinking" a pledge by CIA Director Stansfield Turner to notify the Senate Intelligence Committee of all charges of abuses submitted to the President's Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB).

The sources said Carter is also considering rescinding an executive order issued last year by former President Gerald Ford which requires the IOB to report promptly to the Justice department on any intelligence activities that "raise serious questions about legality."

A letter informing the Intelligence Committee and the Justice department that they would no longer be automatically notified of IOB activities has been drafted for Carter's signature, but Carter has not yet decided whether to sign it.

The proposal to draw a tight cloak of secrecy around the IOB and to insulate it from congressional oversight has been reported to senior members of the Intelligence Committee. A spokesman said the committee is "in close touch with the White House on the subject."

The spokesman would not

say, however, whether committee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) or other members had expressed opposition to the proposal. A White House spokesman also declined to comment.

It was learned that some of Carter's senior intelligence advisers, including the three members of the IOB, have objected to the Turner commitment for two reasons:

- They feel that employees of the intelligence agencies will be reluctant to report possible abuses or improprieties to the IOB if they know the information will also be submitted to Congress, where

it might be subject to political manipulation or premature disclosure.

- They believe the IOB's function is to serve as "confidential adviser" to the President on intelligence matters, and they are reluctant to allow congressional committees to "intrude" on their deliberations or second-guess their judgments on what activities may or may not be improper.

The IOB was created by Ford last year to keep an eye on the nation's intelligence community and to look into any charges of wrongdoing.

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